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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FROM HAROLD WILSON REGARDING PROGRESS IN CSCE IMPLEMENTATION SINCE THE UK'S WHITE PAPER ON THE SUBJECT OF MARCH 1978, FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN INSERTED A WRITTEN REPLY INTO THE RECORD ON JULY 18. THIS BRIEF STATEMENT, COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/RPM AND EUR/NE, OPENS WITH THE PHRASE "THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS" AND THEN REVIEWS THE RECORD SINCE MARCH BASKET BY BASKET.
- 2. THE FCO INFORMS US THAT IT INTENDS TO PROVIDE PARLIAMENT WITH SUCH UPDATES ON A MORE OR LESS SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS IN THE FUTURE. THIS, THE FCO NOTES, TENDS TO BRING THEIR PRACTICE IN RESPONDING TO PARLIAMENTARY INTEREST IN CSCE CLOSER TO OUR OWN. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT FCO MIGHT WISH TO MAKE THESE STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ALLIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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